

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S949–S969

Measures Introduced: Four bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 3259–3262, and S. Res. 494. **Pages S963–64**

Messages from the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to an alternative plan for pay adjustments for civilian Federal employees covered by the General Schedule and certain other pay systems in January 2021; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. (PM–44) **Page S961**

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the Budget of the United States Government for Fiscal Year 2021; referred jointly, pursuant to the order of January 30, 1975, as modified by the order of April 11, 1986; which was referred to the Committees on Appropriations; and the Budget. (PM–45) **Pages S961–62**

Brasher Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Andrew Lynn Brasher, of Alabama, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit. **Pages S949–55**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 46 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. EX. 35), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S954–55**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding Rule XXII, all post-cloture time on the nomination be considered expired at 2:15 p.m., on Tuesday, February 11, 2020; that following disposition of the nomination, Senate vote on the motions to invoke cloture on the nominations of Joshua M. Kindred, to be United States District

Judge for the District of Alaska, Matthew Thomas Schelp, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri, John Fitzgerald Kness, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, and Philip M. Halpern, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York; and that if cloture is invoked on any of those nominations, the confirmation votes occur on Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Democratic Leader. **Page S955**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination of Andrew Lynn Brasher, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, February 11, 2020. **Page S966**

Messages from the House: **Pages S962–63**

Measures Referred: **Page S963**

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Additional Statements: **Page S961**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—35) **Page S955**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 6:38 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, February 11, 2020. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S966.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 19 public bills, H.R. 5821–5839; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 842–843, were introduced. **Page H1016**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H1017–18**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 844, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2546) to designate certain lands in the State of Colorado as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 79) removing the deadline for the ratification of the equal rights amendment; and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–395). **Page H1000**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Larsen (WA) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H979**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:03 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H979**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:13 p.m. and reconvened at 3:33 p.m. **Page H981**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) Homeland Security Partnerships Act: H.R. 1494, amended, to strengthen partnerships between historically Black colleges and universities and minority-serving institutions and the Department of Homeland Security; **Pages H981–83**

Protecting America's Food and Agriculture Act: S. 2107, to increase the number of CBP Agriculture Specialists and support staff in the Office of Field Operations of U.S. Customs and Border Protection; **Pages H983–86**

Securing America's Ports Act: H.R. 5273, amended, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop a plan to increase to 100 percent the rates of scanning of commercial and passenger vehicles entering the United States at land ports of entry along the border using large-scale non-intrusive inspection systems to enhance border security; **Pages H986–88**

DHS Field Engagement Accountability Act: Concurred in the Senate amendment to H.R. 504, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Department of Homeland Security to develop an engagement strategy with fusion centers; **Pages H988–90**

Homeland Security for Children Act: H.R. 2932, amended, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to ensure that the needs of children are considered in homeland security planning, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeand-nay vote of 374 yeas to 11 nays, Roll No. 55; **Pages H990–91, H999–H1000**

Department of Homeland Security Climate Change Research Act: H.R. 4737, amended, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Under Secretary for Science and Technology of the Department of Homeland Security to research and evaluate existing Federal research regarding approaches to mitigate climate change on homeland security to identify areas for further research within the Department, research and develop approaches to mitigate the consequences of climate change on homeland security; **Pages H991–93**

Protecting Critical Infrastructure Against Drones and Emerging Threats Act: H.R. 4432, amended, to require the Department of Homeland Security to prepare a terrorism threat assessment relating to unmanned aircraft systems; **Pages H993–94**

Drone Origin Security Enhancement Act: H.R. 4753, to prohibit the Secretary of Homeland Security from operating or procuring foreign-made unmanned aircraft systems; and **Pages H994–95**

DHS Acquisition Reform Act: H.R. 3413, amended, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to provide for certain acquisition authorities for the Under Secretary of Management of the Department of Homeland Security, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeand-nay vote of 380 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 56. **Pages H995–97, H1000**

Recess: The House recessed at 4:55 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H999**

Presidential Messages: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted to Congress his Budget of the United States Government for Fiscal Year 2021—referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 116–92). **Pages H997–98**

Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted to Congress Pay Adjustments for Civilian Federal Employees covered by the General Schedule and certain other pay systems—referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 116–97). **Pages H999**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yeand-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear

on pages H999–1000 and H1000. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Committee Meetings

COLORADO WILDERNESS ACT OF 2019; REMOVING THE DEADLINE FOR THE RATIFICATION OF THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 2546, the “Colorado Wilderness Act of 2019” [Protecting America’s Wilderness Act]; and H.J. Res. 79, removing the deadline for the ratification of the equal rights amendment. The Committee granted, by record vote of 9–4, a rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2546, the “Colorado Wilderness Act of 2019”, and H.J. Res. 79, Removing the deadline for the ratification of the equal rights amendment. The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 2546, the “Colorado Wilderness Act of 2019”, under a structured rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate on the bill equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 116–50 shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule provides for consideration of H.J. Res. 79, Removing the deadline for the ratification of the equal rights amendment, under a closed rule. The rule provides one hour of debate on the joint resolution equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the joint resolution. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the joint res-

olution shall be considered as adopted and the joint resolution, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the joint resolution, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule provides that House Resolution 842 is hereby adopted. The rule provides that on any legislative day during the period from February 14, 2020, through February 24, 2020: the Journal of the proceedings of the previous day shall be considered as approved; and the Chair may at any time declare the House adjourned to meet at a date and time to be announced by the Chair in declaring the adjournment. The rule provides that the Speaker may appoint Members to perform the duties of the Chair for the duration of this period. Testimony was heard from Representatives Cohen, Collins of Georgia, DeGette, Westerman, and Tipton.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, SEE DAILY DIGEST, p. D97)

S. 3201, to extend the temporary scheduling order for fentanyl-related substances. Signed on February 6, 2020. (Public Law 116–114)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2020

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine United States strategy in Afghanistan, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Manufacturing, Trade, and Consumer Protection, to hold hearings to examine the state of intercollegiate athlete compensation, 10 a.m., SD–106.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider the nominations of Katharine MacGregor, of Pennsylvania, to be Deputy Secretary, and Lanny Erdos, of Ohio, to be Director of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, both of the Department of the Interior, 11 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: business meeting to consider S. 3239, to designate the headquarters building of the Department of Transportation located at 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, in Washington, DC, as the “William T. Coleman, Jr., Federal Building”, and 18 General Services Administration resolutions, 9:45 a.m., SD–406.